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## OUR POLITICAL FAITH.

"All men are born equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."  
 —Thomas Jefferson.

We believe in the principles of true Democracy as promulgated by the patriot, Thomas Jefferson, and without fear or favor, we will be found at all times fighting for an honest, impartial application of these principles to all men regardless of race or color.

## OUR RELIGIOUS FAITH.

To live as near as we can to our own conception of our duty to God and to our fellowmen; to do right and live right at all times as God has given us the conscience to see and feel it.

We believe man's greatest service to God may be rendered through honest, unselfish service to mankind.

We believe in the Golden Rule and practice it.  
 We fear only to do wrong.

## A MAN'S SONG

Sing me a song of a fighting chance,  
 Of barriers hurled by the hand of Fate  
 Across the path of the man who dares  
 Though the whole world mock him: "Too late! too late!"

Sing me a song of a myriad foes  
 Grappled and vanquished one by one  
 By a giant will and a high resolve  
 To make and keep a place in the sun!

Sing me a song of a man who's a Man!—  
 Who through the years of storm and stress  
 Keeps a level head and a gallant heart,  
 A soul unmarred by bitterness.

Sing me a song of a man and a pal—  
 Who's learned in the midst of pain and strife  
 To love his fellows—stretch forth a hand  
 To the bottom dog on the ladder of life!

For that's the song of a man who's a Man!—  
 Who laughs in the face of malignant Fate—  
 On whose brave strength the weakest lean  
 Till they learn his gospel: "It's never too late!"  
 —H. S. In Impressions.

WHAT THE RACE NEEDS MOST now is not mere talent but purpose; in other words, not only the power to achieve, but the will to labor.

YOU HAVE A PERFECT RIGHT to make yourself miserable and unhappy, if you choose to do so; but you have no right to make your neighbor so.

IF YOU ARE A FAILURE, if you are unhappy and despondent you may see the person who is most to blame by stepping to the looking-glass!—Hill's Golden Rule.

IF YOU INTEND TO WORK there is no better place than right where you are; if you do not intend to go to work, you cannot get along anywhere. Squirming and crawling about from place to place can do no good.—Abraham Lincoln.

A MONEY PANIC is threatening the country. Money is dearer now, and harder to get, than it has been for a generation. This fact should encourage our people to refrain from the useless expenditure of money. The greatest lesson anyone ever learned is the lesson of thrift.—Learn it!

THE MAN MOST LIKELY to succeed and advance in life is the fellow who continually tries to develop himself, who is always opening new inlets into his mind, bringing in a fresh supply of ideas and interests. But the fellow who hasn't sense enough to know that he doesn't know it all is a failure to start with and a dampfool to end with.

THE MAN THAT'S CLEAN inside and outside; who neither looks up to the rich nor down on the poor; who can lose without squealing and win without bragging, is considerate of women, children and other people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat and too sensible to loaf; and who takes his share of the world's goods and lets other people have theirs, has the characteristics of a true gentleman.—The Doherty News.

THE OLD TIME idea that all Colored men by birth and inheritance are republicans, has long since become obsolete, and this is one of the most hopeful signs of our racial advancement in the social and economic as well as the political life of our country. Our progress as a group will be measured in this country in proportion to our political diversification. The thinking Race man prefers not to stultify progress of our race by unifying politics.

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE MISTAKES lead the world. The perfect people work for them, running errands and counting columns of figures. The genius is not the man who never made mistakes who had a chance thrust on him, who was endowed and all that; he is the man who had no chance and was not gifted, but who took the raw material of life and fate as he found it, and made something fine out of it. The only perfect person you will ever meet is the perfect fool.—Safety Hints.

A TOUCH OF FRANK FRIENDLINESS, a fleeting revelation of kindly human nature, in correspondence or personal interviews, in any sphere of life, on any occasion—these things mean so much to the people with whom one comes in contact, and they make life so much more interesting. We're all human beings, living in the same old world—we're all most desperately human at heart—we may do different work, read different books, have different religious and political opinions, utterly different interests, in life—but we can't get away from the fact that we've got that one supreme thing in common—our humanity, and we don't differ so very great-

ly in our emotions. So why stand on ceremony? Every man is your friend until he proves himself otherwise.—Higham's Magazine.

"THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF MEN in the world; those who sail and those who drift; those who choose the ports to which they will go, and skilfully and boldly shape their course across the seas with the wind or against it, and those who let winds and tides carry them where they will. Success of the real kind is always in the man who wins it, not in conditions. No man becomes great by accident. A man gets what he pays for it, in character, in work, and in energy.

The only road to advancement is to do your work so well that you are always ahead of the demands of your position. Keep ahead of your work and your work will push your fortunes for you.

Our employers do not decide whether we shall stay where we are or go on and up. We decide that matter ourselves.—Hamilton D. Mabie.

## PRES. FILMORE AND THE NEGRO

In a letter to Senator Reverdy Johnson, dated April 14, 1865, Ex-President Millard Fillmore expressed a profound apprehension that a dreadful "race problem" was impending. "What is to be done with the 4,000,000 of ignorant, helpless blacks?" he asked. "I suppose a large portion of them are wholly incapable of providing for themselves, and too indolent, without compulsion to make the effort. Are they to fill our poor houses as pauper or our penitentiaries as criminals?" All of which goes to show that Mr. Fillmore was woefully ignorant of the African's character even as a slave. But aside from that fact his letter proves that he was almost criminally ignorant of the impending economic force, which had been at work in the person of the slave—making it possible for the American Experiment to get on its social and economic feet. It is true that a considerable number among us are too lazy to work; and it is also true that too many of us help to fill the penitentiaries. But the general charge that we are indolent and criminal is stated without a due regard for the very important economic, social and industrial parts we have played in the life of the Republic. Anyhow, we can console ourselves with the fact that ignorance knows no color and apparently has a rather deep rooted contempt for race.

## REDUCING THE H. C. L.

It is a curious fact that when enterprising towns wish to secure new factories one of the inducements is exemption from taxation for a term of years. But now that they need more houses they appear to be afraid to offer the same inducement. If tax exemption will induce men to build factories in a community, will not the same cause produce a like effect in the case of houses?

It is well not to be too hasty in running after new and untried schemes. But this proposal to exempt houses from taxation is neither new or untried. It has been proven many times in the past.

Nothing is better established in human experience than the fact that taxing houses, food, and other labor products makes them dearer and limits consumption. That was the avowed purpose of the high license on saloons.

But why should we adopt the same policy toward house building? Is there an overabundance of houses food or clothing? Why, then, tax them? Would it not be the part of wisdom to lay a heavy tax on vacant lots, which we do not need, and exempt the products of labor, which we do need?

## U. S. Officers Enforce American Democracy on Haitians.

The CHICAGO TRIBUNE is asking the question, "Who is Otto Schoenrich of New York?" The query is prompted into utterance by a set of severe charges of gross mismanagement and cruelty against the representatives of the United States government in the Republic of Haiti and Santo Domingo. Mr. Schoenrich speaks from knowledge and with authority. He was for many years prominent in the official and business life of the two island republics and therefore he has been in close touch with the trend of affairs and with the character of the administration of American official at Port Au Prince and at Santo Domingo.

The TRIBUNE knows these facts. The "World's greatest" also knows them. Mr. Schoenrich has been one of the big figures in the contemptible practices of exploitation that have ever characterized the presence of white men in the aforementioned republics. It is all history for him to read who may, and the "World's greatest" is one of the busiest of readers. The "World's greatest" is also aware of the fact that the Clyde Steamship company has dictated for a long number of years the selection of the men who should represent the United States' government even in the least minor positions.

Mr. Schoenrich has stated the truth of the conditions as they now prevail in Haiti and the Dominican Republics. It does not matter that he, at one time, was also engaged in an "Exploitation which proved profitable to the individual foreigner engaged there" in business shady and otherwise. The truth is that American officers have carried their impudence and cruel impositions to the island and Mr. Schoenrich, smarting, probably, under a pre-

sent disability to have a finger in the eating of the discreditable pie, is telling all he knows about the situation in a spirit of "If I can't, you shan't."

But the distinguished ex-minor official has done a public service in laying the cards on the table where everybody can see the American hand. In the meantime the TRIBUNE may learn to know Mr. Schoenrich better and more intimately. The linen is very dirty and sadly needs washing.

## MacQUEEN ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF.

I desire to announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Tulsa county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries to be held on August 3. I stand for the enforcement of the law, as it is written, against all persons just alike, without fear or favor, bias or prejudice. I believe that the sheriff of Tulsa county should be a peace officer, as well as a process server. If elected I will make a diligent effort to suppress high jackers, house breakers, automobile thieves, bootlegging, gambling and carrying concealed weapons, as well as all other criminality. I will appoint a matron as deputy sheriff to take care of women prisoners in the county jail. Every cent appropriated for the feeding of county prisoners will be spent for that purpose. I will see that the county jail is placed in a sanitary condition and kept that way. If elected I will devote my entire time and attention to the proper discharge of the duties of this office.

Respectfully submitted,  
 E. S. MacQUEEN.  
 (Paid Political Advertisement)

## Copeland To Build A Hotel.

The Hon. I. C. Copeland one of the best known and largest property owners of Okmulgee, Okla., was in Tulsa last Wednesday and paid the Star a most welcome visit. Mr. Copeland is building a large hotel and rooming house at Okmulgee and when it is finished it will afford best possible comforts for Colored travellers, as well as local people. This building will quite likely bring him a revenue of \$15,000 yearly in rentals. He is interested also in public schools and recently gave a \$1,000 donation toward their improvement. During his stay, Mr. Copeland generously gave the Star a large order of printing and a yearly subscription for the newsy Star.

DuBOIS WINS SPINGARN MEDAL  
Award To Be Made Next Tuesday In Atlanta, Georgia.

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 2.—The Spingarn Medal was awarded to W. E. B. DuBois for the most distinguished service rendered to the Colored race during the year 1919 by a Colored American, to wit:—the founding and calling together on February 19, 20 and 21, 1919, in Paris France, of the First Pan-African Congress—and for his share in the drafting of the wise and statesmanlike code of laws laid down by that Congress for the government and development of the Negroes of the earth.

The Spingarn Medal Committee sees in this Congress a service to all the active world, Colored and white, and believes that it contains in it the germ of an organization which may be of incalculable value in the development of the new order of society.

The committee that awarded the medal was composed of Bishop John Hurst, chairman, ex-president Taft, Mr. John Hope, Dr. James Dillard and Mr. Oswald G. Villard.

## Prizes Awarded The Pupils of The Junior High School.

Tuesday, June 1, 1920, Dr. Key presented the following pupils of the Commercial Department with prizes: 7B Penmanship, Juna Smith; Motto: Spelling, Alice Neelley; Motto: 7A Penmanship, Gladys Parlor; Motto: O. D. Vaughn, Spelling; Motto: 8B Bookkeeping, Irene Dunn; Journal, 8A Bookkeeping, Archie Morgan, Journal.

The Journals were given by Mr. Morris Neelley of the Okmaka, and the Mottoes by Dr. Kimbrough, Dr. Motley, Mr. Gist proprietor of the Sanitary Barber Shop and Mr. Jackson, proprietor of the Jackson Undertaking company.

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## HARSH HEADLINES PRE-SERVE RACE ANTAGONISMS

Chicago Daily News Owner Contributes to Urban League.

(A. N. P. Service).

CHICAGO, Ill., June 4.—The local branch of the Urban League entertained a distinguished group of citizens at a dinner at the Wabash Ave. Branch of the Y. M. C. A. Horace J. Bridges, the leader of Chicago's Ethical Society and Victor F. Lawson, the owner of the Chicago Daily News were the guests of honor. Addresses were made by Dr. Bridges, Mr. Lawson and Dr. George C. Hall. Dr. Hall called attention to the practice of the Daily press in giving scare heads to all news of misdemeanors in which Negroes figured and complained that it was a forceful means for keeping alive race antagonisms in the large cities. Mr. Lawson contributed \$1,000 to the League's fund. T. Arnold Hill presided and gave out some interesting figures on the work the Urban League is doing among the Colored people in Chicago.

## HINT: TO TEACHERS

WHO KNOW IT ALL

Emancipator Believes Quite A Number of Teachers Have Urgent Need for Improvement.

One of the greatest handicaps with which our schools and colleges have had to struggle in the past has been a shortage of thoroughly trained men and women in the teaching profession. However, the tide seems to be turning, and we find our leading institutions of learning straining every nerve in the effort to aid and encourage Colored teachers to still further increase their efficiency. —The Montgomery (Ala.) Emancipator.

## EDITOR OF CRISIS ILLUSTRATES NEWS-PAPER ETHICS

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ious ethical question. There is a wide-spread custom on the part of some periodicals of accepting payment for articles and especially for personal notices and pictures to be published in their news columns.

This is from every point of view a pernicious and dishonest practice. The reader of a periodical has the

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right to assume that news is printed because of its importance and that people are mentioned favorably because of their desert. If only that news is published which is paid for, or if our "Men of the Month" are to be selected from those offering the most cash, then we are headed straight to the catastrophe of a venal, purchasable press.

The best papers today refuse absolutely this form of bribery. But the public does not yet understand this, and it is necessary especially for the Negro press to emphasize these principles:

1. It is wrong for a periodical to print matter for which it is paid, except in the plainly indicated advertising sections.

2. It is wrong for a periodical to receive money as a gift for matter which it has already printed, except as advertisements.

3. It is wrong for a periodical to accept payment in advance for copies, on condition that certain contributed matter will appear.

These are the principles of THE CRISIS, and any money sent us in contravention of these principles will be promptly returned.

The matter which we print may not be the best and our judgment of merit and measures may often be faulty, but the reader can at least know that no money consideration has influenced us.